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Update on Marine Sedimentation Export in Indonesia Based on the Government Regulation No. 26 Year 2023

The President of the Republic of Indonesia Joko Widodo issued Government Regulation No. 26 Year 2023 on May 2023, which regulates the restoration of marine sedimentation export permits in Indonesia. This regulation aims to improve the utilization of marine sedimentation for domestic use purposes such as reclamation, governmental marine infrastructure construction, business stakeholder infrastructure development, and exports, all of which adhere to ecological approaches and methods.

Previously, the Indonesian government, through then the Ministry of Industry and Trade, had issued the Ministerial Decree No. 117 Year 2003 on the *temporary suspension of sea sand exports*. This regulation was issued as the Indonesian government's effort of mitigating the environmental degradation caused by the sea sand mining operations, such as the sinking of many small islands on the outermost parts of Indonesia particularly in the Riau Islands.

Government Regulation No. 26 Year 2023 was issued to utilize the sea sedimentation in ways that benefit the domestic economy while simultaneously maintaining marine health. The regulation aims to stipulate the necessary procedures and conditions that need to be met to conduct a sea sedimentation mining. This regulation requires business stakeholders to fulfill several requirements, such as:

- a. Obtaining a permit from the provincial governor based on the existing regulations and study by a team of experts;
- b. Submitting comprehensive proposals covering the characteristics of the sea sand mining location as well as entailing the company's capabilities and thorough plan of use;
- c. Company's assurance of environmental protection and to protect the livelihoods of local communities affected by the mining operations
- d. Routine reports of mining realization and the volume of transportation and placement.

In addition, the regulation also emphasized that the **exports of sea sand are permitted** if the domestic need of the commodity is met in accordance with the provisions of the laws and regulations. The business stakeholders who want to export the commodity must obtain a permit to utilize sea sand, and its sale can only be conducted once they obtain another permit of mining sale from the ministry responsible for the issuance of affairs in the mineral and coal sector.

The Ministry of Maritime and Fisheries Affairs has stated that the procedures and conditions stipulated within the regulation has been put in place to ensure that marine sedimentation can be utilized for the benefit of the national economy without harming the local communities and biodiversity.

Reference:

- Government Regulation No. 26 Year 2023

If you require the copy of this regulation, please do not hesitate to contact research@ibai.or.id

Thank you for your attention and we hope this information would be valuable to you

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